



File Code: 1950
Date: April 21, 2020

Dear Reviewer,

The Calf-Copeland Restoration Project Draft Record of Decision and Final Environmental Impact Statement are now available for review. The project is intended to provide greater landscape resiliency to wildfire and other disturbances; restore the health and vigor of sugar and ponderosa pine; provide conditions for better protection of life and property within the Wildland Urban Interface; and restore watershed conditions within the planning area. The project area encompasses approximately 52,040 acres and is located on the North Umpqua and Diamond Lake Ranger Districts of the Umpqua National Forest east of Glide, Oregon in Douglas County: T26S R10E Sec: 23-25, 35-36; T26S R20E Sec: 2-36; T26S R30E Sec: 7-8, 17-20, 29-32; T27S R10E Sec: 1-2, 10-15, 23-26; T27S R20E Sec: 1-35; T27S R30E Sec: 5-8, 17-20, 29-30; Willamette Meridian.

The proposed decision is to select Alternative 3. Alternative 3 will allow treatments on approximately 5,447 acres in the project area. Proposed harvest treatments include thinning, gap creation, sugar pine restoration, meadow restoration, and skips (unthinned patches). Non-commercial activities include thinning, shaded fuel breaks, defensible space (WUI), broadcast and pile burning, maintenance burning, pruning, tree planting, and pheromone application. Post-harvest fuels treatments would include lop and scatter, pile and burn and post-harvest prescribed burns. Transportation related activities would include temporary road construction, road maintenance, road decommissioning, and road storage.

The Draft ROD and FEIS are available on the Forest Service Website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46990>. A Notice of Availability (NOA) for the 45-day objection period for this project is expected to publish in the *Federal Register* on April 24, 2020.

The Calf-Copeland project is subject to pre-decisional administrative review (objection) pursuant to 36 CFR 218. Only individuals or organizations that submitted specific written comments during scoping or public comment periods may object (36 CFR 218.5). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after the opportunities for comment. The burden is on the objector to demonstrate compliance with this requirement for objection issues (36 CFR 218.8(c)).

An objection must meet all of the requirements described in 36 CFR 218.8. At a minimum, an objection must include: objector's name and address; the name of the proposed project, the name and title of the responsible official, and the name(s) of the national forest(s) and/or ranger district(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented; a description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed



project; if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and a statement that demonstrates the connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunity(ies) for comment.

Evidence of and responsibility for timely filing is described in 36 CFR 218.9. Objections must be postmarked or received by the Reviewing Officer, Forest Supervisor, within 45 days from the date of publication of notice of availability in the *Federal Register*. The publication date in the *Federal Register* is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to file an objection should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Objections may be submitted in the following ways: 1) Electronic objections will be accepted through the Forest Service online comment system available at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=46990> 2) Email to objections-pnw-umpqua@fs.fed.us 3) Delivered or Mailed to the Umpqua National Forest office at 2900 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon 97471. Objections must be submitted to the reviewing officer Alice B. Carlton, Forest Supervisor, USDA Forest Service; Attn: Calf-Copeland Restoration Project.

For additional information please contact Jennifer Christie at jennifer.a.christie@usda.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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